

**Claims:**

C1. An electric deterrent device comprising:

- a) a base having at least two areas which are of a non-conductive material;
- b) said base being attachable to a surface;
- c) at least a pair of electricity conducting elements attached to said non-conductive areas of said base, each said element comprising a plurality of smaller strands braided together to form each said element; and
- d) said braided elements being attachable respectively to the positive and negative terminals of a power source.

C2. The invention of claim 1 wherein said strands of said elements are substantially round.

C3. The invention of claim 1 wherein said strands of said elements are substantially flat.

C4. The invention of claim 1 wherein said elements are attached to said base by sewing.

C5. The invention of claim 1 wherein said braided elements have a substantially flat cross sectional configuration.

C6. The invention of claim 1 wherein said braided elements are attached to said base by an adhesive such as glue.

C7. The invention of claim 1 wherein said braided elements are attached to said base by sewing, gluing and heat welding.

C8. The invention of claim 1 wherein said braided elements are attached to said base by screws or staples.

C9. The invention of claim 1 wherein a plurality of said strands are stainless steel.

C10. The invention of claim 1 wherein a plurality of said strands of are copper.

C11. The invention of claim 1 wherein a plurality of said strands are zinc coated copper.

C12. The invention of claim 1 wherein said base is constructed of cellular, rigid or flexible polyvinyl chloride.

C13. The invention of claim 1 wherein said base is constructed of any elastomeric material.

C14. The invention of claim 1 wherein each said braided element resides within an appropriately sized channel within said base.

C15. The invention of claim 1 in which said braided element comprises some strands of a conductive material and other strands of a non-conductive material.

C16. In an electrical animal, pest or bird deterrent device comprising a base that is attachable to the surface from which the animal, pest or bird is to be deterred, and at least a pair of electrically conductive elements attached to the base and attachable to a power source, the improvement comprising said conductive elements comprising a plurality of individual strands woven together in a braid-like fashion.

C17. The invention of claim 16 in which said elements are attached to said base by sewing.

C18. The invention of claim 16 in which some of said individual strands are made of a conductive material and some are not.

C19. The invention of claim 16 in which said strands are made of metal.

C20. The invention of claim 19 in which said strands are constructed of stainless steel, copper, or zinc plated copper, or a combination thereof.

C21. The invention of claim 16 in which said base is constructed entirely of a non-conductive material.

C22. The invention of claim 16 in which said base is constructed entirely of cellular, flex or rigid polyvinyl chloride.

C23. The invention of claim 16 in which said base is constructed entirely of a material selected from the group of neoprene, fluoroelastomer, silicone, natural rubber, buna n (nitrile), buna s (SBR), thermoplastic rubber, synthetic polyisoprene, EPDM and polyurethane.

C24. The invention of claim 16 in which said strands are substantially circular in cross section.

C25. The invention of claim 16 in which said strands are substantially flat in cross-section.

C26. The invention of claim 16 in which said strands are woven tightly together.

C27. The invention of claim 16 in which said strands are woven loosely together.